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State Historical Resources Commission
Meeting
The Chapel
El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park
123 East Canon Peridio
Santa Barbara, California 93101
July 25, 2008
9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Donn Grenda, Ph.D. Chair, Prehistoric Archaeology Alberto Bertoli, AIA, Architecture Bryan K. Brandes, Public Member Trish Fernandez, M.A., Historic Archaeology Rick Moss, History Richard Shek, Ph.D., Ethnic History

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Julianne Polanco, Vice Chair, Architectural History Fernando Guerra, Ph.D., Folklife David Phoenix, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, State Historic Preservation Officer, Executive Secretary
Jay Correia, State Historian III, Registration Unit Supervisor
Cynthia Toffelmier, State Historian II
Patricia Ambacher, State Historian I
Twila Willis-Hunter, Executive Secretary
Tara Lynch, Senior Staff Counsel

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CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Grenda.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Milford Wayne Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The Commissioners introduced themselves; SHPO Donaldson introduced himself and the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) staff.

IV. WELCOME

Jerrell Jackman, Ph.D., Executive Director, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) welcomed the Commission to the City of Santa Barbara, and he introduced The Honorable Marty Blum, Mayor of Santa Barbara, to the Commission.

Mayor Blum welcomed the Commission to Santa Barbara.

V. <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>

The Commission gave the following resolutions:

- A. City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission. Donald Sharpe, Vice Chairman of City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission accepted the resolution.
- B. Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. Jerrell Jackman, Executive Director, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, and Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation staff accepted the resolution.
- C. Santa Clara County. Dana Peak, Historic Preservation Program Manager, County of Santa Clara, accepted the resolution.
- D. University Art Museum, University of California Santa Barbara. Natalie Sanderson, Curator of Education, University Art Museum, University of California Santa Barbara accepted the resolution.

Copies of the resolutions are attached to the original of these minutes.

VI. APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2008 MINUTES

Chairman Grenda asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 23, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Brandes moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

VII. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Chairman Grenda reported on his activities since the April 23, 2008, Commission meeting. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Chairman Grenda thanked those who assisted the Commission during the previous day: SBTHP's Jerrell Jackman, and Michael Imwalle, Archaeologist, Anne Petersen, Associate Director for Historical Resources, and Mary Louise Days, a former director and Research Center Committee member, who led the tour of the El Presidio de Santa Barbara; and the board of SBTHP who hosted a reception for the Commission and OHP staff at the Casa del la Guerra Historic House Museum

B. SHPO Donaldson reported on his activities since the April 23, 2008, Commission meeting. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

VIII. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF NOMINATED PROPERTIES

Patricia Ambacher, State Historian I; Cynthia Toffelmier, State Historian II and Jay Correia, Registration Unit Supervisor gave a PowerPoint presentation on the nominated properties.

IX. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. National Register of Historic Places
 - Kennedy Mine Historic District Jackson (vicinity), Amador County State Level of Significance
 - 2. Monterey County Courthouse Salinas, Monterey County Local Level of Significance
 - Pacific Electric Building Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Local Level of Significance
- B. California Point of Historical Interest
 - 1. Tallman Hotel
 Upper Lake, Lake County

C. California Register of Historical Resources Removal

 Old Masonic Building Elk Grove, Sacramento County

Chairman Grenda asked the Commission for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Hiller with the Jo Mora Trust Collection thanked the Commission for approving the Monterey County Courthouse nomination and Cynthia Toffelmier for her work on the nomination.

Commissioner Fernandez asked staff to notify the Commission if there is a plaque dedication for the Kennedy Mine and its registration. Ms. Ambacher responded that the community is excited about the Kennedy Mine nomination and OHP staff will notify the Commission if there is a dedication.

X. National Register of Historic Place Discussion and Action Items

A. Torrey Pines Gliderport (Boundary Increase) San Diego, San Diego County Local Level of Significance

Prior to Chairman Grenda opening the meeting to public discussion SHPO Donaldson presented photographs and charts showing the runway protection zones and approach surfaces of the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Chairman Grenda opened the meeting for public discussion.

Dr. Gary Fogel, the applicant, gave a presentation of support for the Torrey Pines Gliderport boundary increase. In answer to the Commission's questions from the April 23, 2008 meeting, he explained the federal regulations that were in place during the gliderport's period of significance. He also justified the proposed boundary increase based on how gliders approached the runways during the historic period.

Cindy Brickner, Director, Soaring Society of America, spoke in support of the boundary increase and showed the Commission a model of the approaches and runway protection zones.

Bruce Coons, Executive Director, Save Our Heritage Organization of San Diego, spoke in support of the boundary increase and discussed the historical integrity of the approach surfaces.

Douglas R. Perl, member of the Associate Glider Clubs of Southern California, spoke in support of the nomination. Mr. Perl discussed the gliderport during its period of significance, and its present use and appearance.

Scott Abrams, University Counsel, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), spoke in opposition of the nomination. He questioned what historic resource was being protected and what authority the Commission has to regulate and approve the listing of airspace on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). Mr. Abrams guestioned whether airspace is a historical resource because according to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) a resource must be tangible. He stated that it is clear that the applicants are protecting current and continued use of the resource, and that this is not the intention of the NHPA. Mr. Abrams commented that the applicants stated that the runway protection zones and approach surfaces were omitted from the original nomination because of professional error, but did not clearly identify what the professional error was. Mr. Abrams stated that UCSD also questioned the historical integrity of the property and he gave a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate encroachment upon the gliderport. Mr. Abrams concluded by stating UCSD objects to the boundary increase on the east side, which is the property owned by UCSD.

Dr. Fogel rebutted that the purpose of the nomination is to preserve the history of the gliderport.

Mr. Coons rebutted that the approaches are historically significant.

Mr. Abrams rebutted that the nomination does not justify the boundary increase.

Chairman Grenda closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Chairman Grenda asked for clarification about Polygon 2 as it was drawn on the map and the discrepancy between the map and the verbal boundary description. He asked why the map submitted with the nomination does not match the verbal description of the property.

SHPO Donaldson acknowledged that the map is not consistent with the description. He clarified the distance of the glide slopes, but he stated that it would be best to ask the applicant the question if the boundary increase extends one or two miles from the runway. He also stated that the written description always takes precedent over the map. SHPO Donaldson reminded the Commission that they can recommend changes to the boundary and have the applicant return with a revised nomination and the Commission can discuss such a recommendation.

Dr. Fogel clarified that the boundary increase related to Polygon 2 extends one mile.

Chairman Grenda asked for a definition of tangible and SHPO Donaldson provided an explanation and definition.

Commissioner Fernandez reminded the Commission that they have heard information about use and future projects, but their task is to focus on the nomination. Commissioner Fernandez stated that she would also like clarification, including whether the boundary extends two miles. She summarized her questions: What is the property? What are its defining characteristics? Does it have integrity?

Commissioner Shek asked for a clear definition of the boundaries and all of the street names and addresses of property owners within the boundary. He questioned why the approach surfaces were not included in the original nomination if they are critical to understanding the property's significance. He questioned whether this nomination for the boundary increase was justified. Commissioner Shek wanted to see a stronger justification in the nomination

Commissioner Moss asked what exactly the Commission is being asked to rule on – to amend an omission or correct an oversight. He stated that he does not know if the Commission has the authority to make a ruling that will affect ongoing use of the Gliderport, or f it is within the Commission's authority to protect airspace. He too had questions about why these were not included in the nomination in 1993. Commissioner Moss stated he could not vote to approve the boundary increase if it is only protect the ongoing use the gliderport. Commissioner Moss concluded by asking what the historical significance or the air is.

Commissioner Bertoli questioned the historical significance of these resources and did not see adequate justification for the boundary increase in the nomination. He also questioned if these were in fact historic resources.

Commissioner Fernandez also questioned if the criteria for granting a boundary increase under the federal regulations had been met, and asked counsel to repeat the criteria.

Senior Staff Counsel Tara Lynch read Section 60.14(a)(1) and (2) of 36 CFR Part 60, which pertains to boundary increases. She also read portions of National Register Bulletin 16A in response to being asked if it is possible to nominate a plane of airspace to the National Register.

Commissioner Brandes asked how the FAA views this issue and what are the regulations.

Commissioner Moss asked if it was appropriate to vote at this time.

Chairman Grenda stated that it absolutely is appropriate.

Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission not approve Torrey Pines Gliderport Boundary Increase.

The Commission discussed the motion and Commissioner Fernandez asked Ms. Lynch if the Commission needed to amend the motion to reflect the clarifications the Commission would want to see a new nomination.

Commissioner Grenda clarified that the motion was to reject this nomination.

Ms. Lynch stated that the Commission can vote in favor of the motion, and can ask the applicant to resubmit the application.

SHPO Donaldson suggested voting against the motion and make a new motion to ask the applicant to resubmit the nomination and clarify the Commission's questions.

Commissioner Moss restated his motion that the Commission not approve Torrey Pines Gliderport Boundary Increase as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion.

The Commission again discussed the motion and Commissioner Bertoli asked what other information is needed from the applicant.

Commissioner Fernandez asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Moss – yes Commissioner Brandes – yes Commissioner Grenda – yes Commissioner Shek – no Commissioner Fernandez – yes Commissioner Bertoli - yes **Action:** Motion carried five to one.

Commissioner Fernandez suggested to the applicant that he meet with OHP staff in preparing another nomination for the boundary increase.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

B. Uptown Tenderloin Historic District San Francisco, San Francisco County Local Level of Significance

Chairman Grenda opened the meeting to public discussion.

Michael Corbett, the preparer of the nomination, spoke in support of the nomination.

Being no further public speakers, Chairman Grenda closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Being no discussion, Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve the nomination. Commissioner Bertoli seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

XI. California Register of Historical Resources Discussion and Action

A. Flower Drive Historic District

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Local Level of Significance

Chairman Grenda opened the public discussion.

Jim Robinson, President, West Adams Heritage Association, the applicants, spoke in support of the nomination.

Peter Moruzzi, architectural historian and the preparer of the nomination, spoke in support of the nomination.

Mitzi March Mogul, historic preservation consultant representing West Adams Heritage Association, spoke in support of the nomination.

Stephen Stein, property owners' representative, spoke in opposition to the nomination. Mr. Stein stated the properties were purchased for investment purposes and are slated for development. He said that the district is not a time capsule because a barrier wall was constructed across the street from the properties.

Mary Jo Winder, Architectural Historian hired by the opponents to evaluate the district and the nomination, spoke in opposition to the nomination. She stated that the historic context in the nomination is not adequately developed to support the district's significance and that the applicants should wait until the City of Los Angeles' survey of historical resources is complete. She stated that Los Angeles has many examples of this type of architectural resource. Ms. Winder also stated that the properties did not meet the standards of integrity; that 12 of the properties have been substantially altered and that only one aspect of integrity, location, survives.

Vivian Birndorf, neighbor, spoke in opposition to the nomination. She stated that many things have impacted the historic character of her property. These include a concrete wall, modern windows, and the removal of arches.

Bingham Cherrie, representative of the University of Southern California (USC), spoke in opposition of the nomination. Mr. Cherrie stated USC has a good record of preservation and asked the Commission to not preclude future development by approving the nomination.

Ms. Mogul rebutted, pointing out the difference between integrity as it relates to an individual building and a historic district and that the district retains good historic integrity of all aspects except for possibly setting, which was affected by the construction of the sound wall.

Barbara Foster, local educator, and attending the meeting in support of the Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur nomination, rebutted and explained the purpose behind the sound wall was to segregate African Americans in that neighborhood.

Edgar Perez, property owner, stated that he opposed the nomination and explained that his property was a non-contributing resource because it had burned. He also noted that during re-construction he discovered his building to be termite infested.

Chairman Grenda closed the public discussion period and opened the Commission's discussion period.

Being no further discussion Commissioner Brandes moved that Flower Drive Historic District does not meet the California Register criteria. There was no second. **Action:** Motion failed.

Commissioner Moss moved that the Commission adopt the findings and designate the Flower Drive Historic District and its seven contributing resources as formally determined eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources. Commissioner Shek seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried five to one.

B. Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur/Angels Gate Park (San Pedro) Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Local Level of Significance

Chairman Grenda opened the public discussion.

Frank Evans, the preparer of the nomination and representing Fort MacArthur Museum Association, spoke in support to the nomination. He stated that neither the historical significance nor the integrity of the property was discussed in the letters of objection the Commission had received.

Joseph Janesic, Vice President of the Fort MacArthur Museum, spoke in support of the nomination. He stated that Fort McArthur is the best and most intact seacoast fort in California. He also pointed-out that the letters of objection did not question the significance or integrity on the resource, and that the master plan has been delayed for many years.

Chad Christian, a local citizen/neighbor of Fort MacArthur, spoke in support of the nomination.

Joe McKinzie, Vice-President of the San Pedro Bay Historical Society, spoke in support of the nomination.

Barbara Foster, an educator and a local citizen/neighbor of Fort MacArthur, spoke in support of the nomination.

Linda Marinkovich, a local citizen, Fort MacArthur Museum, spoke in support of the nomination.

Martha Austin McKinzie, Point Fermin Lighthouse Society, and a thirty-six year veteran educator, spoke in support of the nomination.

Pam Meisel representing Fort MacArthur Museum spoke in support of the nomination.

Nathan Birnbaum, Executive Director, Angels Gate Cultural Center, spoke in opposition to the nomination. Mr. Birnbaum stated that the nomination contained information that was irrelevant and did not justify how the district met the registration criteria. He also questioned the integrity of the contributing resources. Lastly, Mr. Birnbaum noted the letter of objection from Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

Mr. Evans rebutted and reiterated his support for the nomination.

Mr. Janesic rebutted and reiterated his support for the nomination.

Mr. Birnbaum rebutted and reiterated his opposition to the nomination.

Chairman Grenda closed the public discussion and opened the Commission's discussion.

Chairman Grenda asked for clarification from legal counsel about Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn's objection to the nomination.

Ms. Lynch responded that an opinion from one city councilmember does not represent the entire City Council's official opinion. She stated it could be regarded in the same way as one Commissioner's opinion does not speak for the entire Commission.

Commissioner Fernandez asked if the Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur was included in the Middle Reservation of Fort MacArthur and if the property had previously been determined eligible under the Section 106 process.

Ms. Toffelmier answered that the Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur was not included in the Middle Reservation of Fort MacArthur and that the Upper Reservation was discontiguous from the Middle Reservation with a separate history. Ms. Toffelmier stated that she did not know if the Middle Reservation had previously been determined eligible under the Section 106 process.

Commissioner Fernandez moved that the Commission approve the Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur California Register nomination and adopt the findings. Commissioner Moss seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried five to one.

XI. CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Conference with legal counsel to confer with and receive advice regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session would prejudice the position of the Commission. [Government Code § 11126(e) (1) & (e) (2)(A)].

AIMCO VENEZIA, LLC v. State of California, State Historic Resources Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BS 103 594.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gini Austerman, Norco Regional Conservancy, gave an update regarding the Lake Norconian Club.

Kevin Bash, Lake Norconian Club Foundation invited the Commission to tour the Lake Norconian Club.

Sue Bacon, Lake Norconian Club Foundation stated to the Commission how the Lake Norconian building is a magnificent jewel of World War II of history.

Commissioner Grenda asked the Lake Norconian Club Foundation to send OHP information about the December 7, 2008 event.

SHPO Donaldson reported to the Commission that eight Certified Local Governments will receive \$143,000 in grants for the 2008-2009 grant cycle.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- A. Archaeological Resources Committee: Commissioner Fernandez, Chair, reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.
- B. Cultural Diversity Committee: Commissioner Moss, Chair, and Commissioner Shek, member, reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.
- C. Information Center Procedural Advisory Commission: Commissioner Grenda, Chair, reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.
- D. Public Policy and Legislation Committee: Commissioner Polanco, Chair, was absent. Commissioner Fernandez, member, reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.
- E. State Historical Building Safety Code Committee: Commissioner Bertoli, Chair, reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.
- F. Yearly Goals and Objectives Committee: Commissioner Brandes, Chair, reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grenda adjourned the regular meeting of the Commission at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	
Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA State Historic Preservation Officer	Date

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, has for forty-five years, dedicated itself to the preservation, protection and interpretation of historic sites throughout the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation has played a leading role in such preservation projects as Santa Barbara's El Presidio de Santa Barbara and Casa de la Guerra, and works endlessly to protect Santa Barbara's architectural and archaeological resources; and,

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation has formed unique private and public partnerships with California State Parks, County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara to develop a historic park surrounding El Presidio de Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation has been a leader in historical research, interpretation, and education to enhance people's understanding of Santa Barbara's history; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official congratulations and commendation on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission are extended to Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation for its perseverance and diligence in the name of historic preservation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

Donn R. Grenda, Ph.D. Chairperson	Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA Executive Secretary

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION County of Santa Clara

WHEREAS, Congress declared in the National Historic Preservation Act that it shall be the policy of the federal government, in partnership with the state and local governments, "to foster conditions under which our modern society and our prehistoric and historic resources can exist in productive harmony;" and,

WHEREAS, the National Park Service and State of California through the Office of Historic Preservation has established the Certified Local Government program to carry out this policy; and,

WHEREAS, the program recognizes local governments which have legislated a preservation program, including a qualified cultural resources commission which identifies and designates significant cultural resources to be protected for future generations and which advises the board of supervisors on actions which affect these resources; and,

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2008, the County of Santa Clara has been approved by the State of California and the United States Department of the Interior to be a Certified Local Government; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Historical Resources Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer invest with the County of Santa Clara all the responsibilities and benefits of certification; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to County of Santa Clara.

Donn R. Grenda, Ph.D.	Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
Chairperson	Executive Secretary

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission, known originally as the Landmarks Committee, was formed in May, 1960 to ensure that El Pueblo Viejo would retain its unique early-Spanish character and atmosphere through careful city planning and development; and,

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission first took inventory of Santa Barbara's historically and architecturally significant buildings in 1961 and conducted a comprehensive survey of the City's architectural and historical resources in 1978: and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Landmarks Commission continues to survey, evaluate, and designate Santa Barbara's architectural, archaeological, cultural, and aesthetic resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Landmarks Commission encourages efforts by and cooperation between individuals, private organizations, and governmental agencies concerned with preserving the City's architectural, environmental, and cultural heritage; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission for its outstanding efforts to preserve Santa Barbara's historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural, and aesthetic heritage; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the City of Santa Barbara Historic Landmarks Commission.

Donn R. Grenda, Ph.D.	Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
Chairperson	Executive Secretary

RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE University Art Museum University of California, Santa Barbara

WHEREAS, The University Art Museum at the University of California, Santa Barbara houses the Architecture and Design Collection, which was founded by architectural historian and professor Dr. David Gebhard in 1963 and ranks in size with the largest repositories of architectural records in the United States including the Library of Congress; and,

WHEREAS, the Architecture and Design Collection contains more than 750,000 original drawings, specifications, manuscript material, historic photographs, and architectural models representing more than 350 designers from 1890 to the present; and,

WHEREAS, the collection's importance derives from David Gebhard's interest in documenting work outside the mainstream of the modern movement and includes the papers of lesser-known but equally influential regional designers, all of which have had an international impact, altering the face of our contemporary landscape; and,

WHEREAS, the scope and diversity of the Architecture and Design Collection makes its a unique and invaluable educational resource, attracting scholars and architects from across the national and beyond, and has positioned it as one of the leading west coast archives for architectural records; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official expression of gratitude be extended on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission to the University Art Museum for its diligent efforts to preserve the Architectural and Design Collection and for its on-going mission to document the built environment of California; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to University Art Museum.

Donn R. Grenda, Ph.D.	Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
Chairperson	Executive Secretary

Attachment B - Chairman's Report

Chairman Grenda has been focusing on establishing a new office based in England to pursue international heritage resource management projects. He is planning work-related trips over the next two months including Alaska and Malta.

Chairman Grenda is advising a group of preservationists to save the historic Lake Norconian Club from neglect.

In early May, Chairman Grenda gave a presentation at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, California that focused on cultural resource management and the importance of nominating properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

Chairman Grenda is trying to acquire a historic building in downtown Redlands to save it from demolition. Chairman Grenda will keep the Commission informed on his progress as this project moves forward.

Attachment C - Executive Secretary's Report

SHPO Donaldson informed the Commission that a contract was signed with Gnomon to convert OHP's Universe-based inventory and tracking database to a relational database management system.

SHPO Donaldson informed the Commission that Patricia Ambacher and Cynthia Toffelmier are preparing a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Trestles surf site in San Clemente. The nomination will be based on a nomination for a similar resource, Camp 4 in Yosemite National Park.

SHPO Donaldson read an email from Erika Seibert, Archaeologist, with the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places program, in which she praised the work of staff historians Patricia Ambacher, Cynthia Toffelmier, and senior state archaeologist and Project Review Unit Supervisor, Susan Stratton for their work with archaeological nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

SHPO Donaldson stated that at the Commission's workshop on July 24, 2008, the Commission revised its rules of order to allow more flexibility in the number of members accepted on the Commission's committees.

SHPO Donaldson had a three day meeting with California's twelve regional Information Centers to discuss fees.

SHPO Donaldson informed the Commission that OHP has applied for a Preserve America Grant because this is the first year that the SHPO offices have been allowed to apply.

Attachment D – Committee Reports

Archaeological Resources Committee – Commissioner Fernandez reported that the committee is still reaching out to identify a community for the white papers. She will be presenting the white papers at a conference in Redding.

Cultural Diversity Committee – Commissioner Shek reported that as a member of the committee he has been promoting registering properties pertaining to the Chinese American community in Sacramento. He has advised interested people to work with OHP staff to identify potential properties.

Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee – Commissioner Grenda reported that the committee is working on the fee structure.

Public Policy and Legislation Committee – Commissioner Fernandez reported that the Commission discussed the proposed changes to the California Register of Historical Resources at Thursday's workshop. The Committee will be expecting an update from OHP staff before the November Commission meeting.

State Historical Building Safety Code Committee – Commissioner Bertoli reported that he was unable to attend the last State Historical Building Code meeting because it conflicted with the Commission's April 23, 2008 quarterly meeting.

Yearly Goals and Objectives Committee – Commissioner Brandes reported that his committee will be meeting prior to the November meeting and will present the 2009 yearly goals and objectives at that meeting.